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Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

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Annwyl Lywydd

Scrutiny of legislative consent memoranda on the UK Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment Bills

We are in the process of considering the Welsh Government's legislative consent memoranda on the UK Agriculture and Fisheries Bills and, today, we are taking evidence from the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

In setting a reporting deadline of 24 April 2020 in respect of these legislative consent memoranda, we understand that the Welsh Government advised the Business Committee that it would not seek debates on the corresponding legislative consent motions before 28 April 2020.

If the most recent three week timetable of forthcoming government business, which includes the week commencing 27 April, does not include items on legislative consent motions for either the Agriculture Bill or Fisheries Bill, I would be grateful if the Business Committee would consider extending the reporting deadlines for both Bills to at least 1 May 2020.

Further, and in respect of the Welsh Government's legislative consent memorandum on the Environment Bill, I understand the Welsh Government advised the Business Committee that it did not envisage holding a corresponding legislative consent debate before 5 May 2020. We were therefore set a reporting deadline of 1 May 2020. If the Welsh Government is able to provide an update on its proposals for this legislative consent debate, and it is clear that it will take place later than 5 May, again I would be grateful if the Business Committee would agree to an appropriate extension to the reporting deadline.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

